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Dear Arthur:

Having first seen only a passing news paragraph on it, I was just about to write you for a copy of your testimony when this came across my desk. I wish some of your critics found as much emphasis on the cautionary remarks I have bracketed (which define the zone of our mutual agreement) as on the hypotheses that you offer here with great tact and perception. Perhaps the ^{only} ~~worst~~ thing ^{I would criticize} about your testimony is that it was sponsored by a notorious racist, and I hope this will not obscure the real merit of your proposal for unbiased research on individual differences, ^{with which I of course} ~~with which I of course~~ ^{concern} ~~concern~~ ^{than} ~~than~~.

I hope you will forgive me for the remark that more aggressive statements of the hypothesis of a large genetic factor in inter-racial difference will interfere with the detachment we all badly need.

In that same spirit, I am sorry for the tone with which my remarks were colored, in the context of the recent Life article. I was not misquoted (as best I can recall) but I did not have an opportunity to read the overall text, and my critical remarks came out with a ^{correction} ~~far~~ more personal edge than I would have ^{conceded} ~~condoned~~. I think you may have some sympathy for that kind of problem in communications vis journalistic channels. (Nor would I assign any malice to the writer by the way; he was careful to read the literal quotes, and I believe he caught my main corrections.)

